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generally put up in bales of about 200 pounds weight. It is not known that any leaves have been shipped from Porto Rico, but in 1895, 95 gallons of bay oil, valued at \$1,390, and 12,544 gallons of bay rum, valued at \$6,414, were exported. The trees occur in all parts of the island and are said to be abundant in some districts on the south side.

"In the fresh condition the leaves of this tree have the taste and odor of lemon, whence the propriety of the name 'limoncillo,' or little lemon. Although more common in Porto Rico as a shrub, this species is said to grow to a height of 35 or 40 feet and to attain a diameter of a foot or more; the wood is light-colored, mottled, very hard, and heavy." (*Cook and Collins, Economic Plants of Porto Rico, 1903, pp. 74 and 75.*)

33718. MYRTUS sp. (?)

From Burringbar, New South Wales, Australia. Presented by Mr. B. Harrison.

Received July 31, 1911. Numbered June 10, 1912.

"Blackfellow's 'lollies' or 'sweets.' Fruit small, mottled; flavor sweet, spicy." (*Harrison.*)

33719. GALEGA OFFICINALIS L.**Goat's-rue.**

From Paris, France. Purchased from Vilmorin Andrieux & Co. Received June 28, 1912.

See No. 25481 for previous introduction.

33721 to 33735. ASPARAGUS spp.**Asparagus.**

From Kew, England. Presented by Mr. Arthur W. Hill, Royal Botanic Gardens. Received May 28, 1912.

Seeds of the following:

33721. ASPARAGUS SARMENTOSUS L.

Distribution.—A woody climber found in South Africa from the Kalahari region southward to the Cape.

33722. ASPARAGUS UMBELLATUS Link.

Distribution.—Found in the Canary Islands.

Plants of the following:

33723. ASPARAGUS AFRICANUS Lam.**33724. ASPARAGUS DREPANOPHYLLUS Welw.****33725. ASPARAGUS FALCATUS L.****33726. ASPARAGUS MADAGASCARIENSIS Baker.****33727. ASPARAGUS MYRIOCLADUS Baker.**

Distribution.—A suberect, slightly woody perennial found in the vicinity of Inanda in Natal, South Africa.

33728. ASPARAGUS PLUMOSUS Baker.**33729. ASPARAGUS PLUMOSUS Baker.**

Variety *tenuissimus*.

33730. ASPARAGUS RACEMOSUS Willd.

Distribution.—Throughout tropical and subtropical India, ascending to an elevation of 4,000 feet in the Himalayas, and in tropical Africa and Australia.

33731. ASPARAGUS RETROFRACTUS L.

Variety *arboreus*.

Distribution.—The central and coast regions of South Africa.